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A Man Who Attends Strictly to His Business Is Always Under Suspicion By Those Who Forever Want to Regulate the Affairs of Others

## LOCAL BANKS ELECT THEIR 1918 BOARDS

All Bennington Banks Strong and Healthy

## NO CHANGES ARE MADE

William J. Meagher Elected Corporator of the Savings Bank in Place of the Late John Robinson.

Three of the local banks held their annual meetings this week. All the Bennington banks are in prosperous condition and have been able to do their share in financing the various efforts in support of the war without curtailling their local credits.

At the First National Bank, North Bennington, the directors elected are F. R. Jennings, Hall Park McCullough, J. R. Johnson, E. D. Weiling, George H. Weiling and R. A. Jones. F. R. Jennings was elected president, H. P. McCullough, vice-president, Ralph A. Jones, cashier, Myron H. Jones, teller.

The stockholders of the Bennington County National bank elected the following directors: A. J. Holden, A. J. Cooper, L. E. Gibbs, Guy B. Johnson, P. H. Currier, E. H. Holden, William H. Wills. The directors elected A. J. Holden president, A. J. Cooper vice-president, Homer H. Webster cashier, Webster Temple teller.

The Bennington County Savings bank stockholders found one vacancy on the board, due to the death of the late John Robinson, and elected William J. Meagher to fill the place.

The corporation elected the following trustees: L. E. Gibson, J. R. Johnson, Edward D. Weiling, Daniel F. Gardner, Harrison J. Norton, Fred S. Rice and William H. Bradfield.

The officers elected are: president L. E. Gibson; vice-president, J. R. Johnson; treasurer, Charles H. Dewey; assistant treasurer, Richard F. Rawson; clerk, William R. Shaw.

The annual meeting of the First National bank of Bennington does not come until next Tuesday.

## CONTROL OF RAILROADS

President Makes Formal Application To Congress for Authority.

Washington, Jan. 4.—President Wilson today made formal application to Congress in joint session for authority to institute federal control of the nation's lines of transportation.

## ARMIES TO BE FILLED FROM CLASS 1 MEN

Young Men Only to be Taken in the Future

## REGISTRATION SOON

All Young Men Who Have Come 21 Since June 5 Will Be Listed and Called to Serve.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Provost Marshal General Crowder, reporting to Congress today on the progress of the draft, expresses for the first time a definite promise and aim of the Government not to take for army duty any other men than those listed in class one of the new draft questionnaire.

Class one comprises single men without dependent relatives, married men who have habitually failed to support their families who are dependent upon wives for support or not merely engaged, and whose families are exposed to incomes independent of their labor, unskilled industrial laborers, unskilled industrial laborers, registrants by or in respect of whom no deferred classification is claimed or made, registrants, who fail to submit questionnaire and in respect of whom no deferred classification is claimed or made, and all registrants not included in any other division of the schedule.

Narrowed down under the analysis of the first draft made in the report, the plan places upon unmarried single men and married men with independent incomes most of the weight of military duty, for the aggregate number of men in the other divisions of class one is very small.

Gen. Crowder estimates that 1,000,000 men physically fit for army duty will be available from class 1. This number he thinks sufficient for the present military needs of the Nation, but to assure the future supply for those needs he recommends that men who have become 21 years old since June 5, 1917, (the first draft), and who become of age hereafter shall be added to class 1 as they become available. This will insure the General estimate a supply of 1,000,000 men a year.

## WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont light local snows tonight and Saturday. Continued cold at night. Slightly warmer Saturday.

## BIG FIRE IN HOBOKE

Paper Plant Destroyed and Munitions Factory Threatened.

Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 4.—The fire which started last night to the McQuade Paper company plant was not under control at 10:30 this forenoon.

Within two blocks of the fire is located the Remington Arms company munitions factory.

The paper plant was completely destroyed.

## CAMP DEVENS HAS FIRE

Barracks of Company C Burn Down, Men Losing Their Effects.

Ayer, Mass., Jan. 4.—The barracks of Company C of the 30th Infantry Regiment at Camp Devens was burned tonight with all the personal belongings and equipment of the members of the company, many of whom jumped or dropped from second story windows in making their escape. An exploding oil stove started the fire.

All of the men of the company came from Schenectady, N. Y. They were housed for the night in other barracks and tomorrow the quartermaster's department will issue them duplicates of all the burned equipment. Several of them lost sums of money in overcoats and other articles of clothing which they had no time to save.

## BRATTLEBORO STATISTICS

100 Births, 178 Deaths and 258 Marriages in 1917.

Brattleboro, Jan. 4.—Records of vital statistics kept by the town clerk show that during the year just closed there were 20 more births than in the previous year and 17 less deaths. There were 181 births and 112 deaths the latter including those at the Brattleboro retreat for the insane. There were only 239 marriages as against 272 the year before which shows the effect of the Dubois marriage law which went into effect May 1 and which requires five days notice of marriage intentions. About 120 marriages were performed previous to May 1 when Brattleboro had the reputation of being a Green Gate.

## SOME RECRUITING STOPPED

No Men Wanted Now For Quartermaster, Aviation or Ordnance.

Montgomery, Jan. 4.—Gen. Graham today received from the provost marshal general a telegram advising to cancel exception boards against recruits in the quartermaster, aviation and ordnance corps and providing that if any additional men were made in these departments the men would advise from the war department before going to army camps. This order does not affect individuals whom the government may induce to go to service.

## BURNED TO DEATH

Middlebury Woman Perished in Her Home.

Middlebury, Jan. 4.—Miss Eliza Bowles, 72, was burned to death shortly after 5:30 o'clock this morning, when the house on Seminary street, in which she lived with her sister, Mrs. Helen B. Holt, was almost totally destroyed. The fire was discovered by Miss Bowles, who was alone in the house at the time, and she ran to the house of Mrs. Mary Cawell and asked them to notify the fire department.

## FARMER GETS MORE FOR MILK

Federal Commission Allows Cent a Quart Increase.

Boston, Jan. 4.—The federal milk commission for New England has tonight set the price of milk to Boston consumers from January 5 to April 1 at 14 1/2 cents a quart and the price to farmers during that period at 2 1/2 cents a quart. L. G. H. Boston. This is an increase of one-half cents a quart to the consumer and one cent to the farmer.

## N. E. GOVERNORS MEET

Attend McCollum's Inauguration and Beckman's Reception.

Boston, Jan. 4.—The governors of all the New England states attended the inauguration of Governor McCollum for a third term today. After the ceremony the governors went to Providence to attend a reception to Governor Beckman of Rhode Island.

While at Providence they planned to discuss a number of matters of general interest to New England.

## NORTH BENNINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Barney皆 have returned from a two weeks visit with relatives at Puttadam, N. Y.

Electric lights have been installed in Hotel White.

Eleanor Payne is visiting Louise Eddy in Bennington.

Martin and Marjorie White have returned to their studies at Mount Holyoke College, and Clarice White to Smith College.

Mrs. Eric A. Tompkins of Northampton, Mass., a former resident of the village, has been visiting friends.

Ward has been received of the safe return in England of Nelson L. Pardee, U. S. A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Payne.

## TROTZKY WILL NOT ACCEPT GERMAN PLAN

Separate Peace Plan Is Likely To Fail

## TERMS HYPOCRITICAL

Germans Alarmed and Hurry Delegates to Brest-Litovsk to Try to Carry Their Points.

London, Jan. 4.—The dramatic situation in Russia may result in greater advantage to the entente than a big victory on the field of battle. There is a prospect that the Bolsheviks may be recognized as the existing government and that the entente may assist Russia in working out her own destiny.

Delegates received from Berlin by the way of Amsterdam state that the Central Powers are planning the proffer of less drastic peace terms.

London, Jan. 4.—Notwithstanding the unfavorable reception of their proposals by the Bolsheviks and the Russian suggestion that the negotiations be continued in a neutral country, preferably at Stockholm, the delegates of the Central Powers are returning to Brest-Litovsk on the assumption that the conference will resume its sessions at the appointed time.

Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, departed from Vienna this morning, accompanied by a large staff of diplomats. The Turkish delegation set forth from Constantinople on Tuesday, intending to visit Berlin on the way to Brest-Litovsk.

Gen. Koenig yesterday received from Berlin a telegram advising to inform him of his appointment to the sixth successive day. New York was confronted tonight with a fuel shortage growing more mounting every hour as the waters surrounding the city became more ready with water except where the tide runs swift.

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The feature of the conference is said to have been the adoption of the demands of Phillip Scheidemann and Friedrich Ebert for the official socialist and trade unionists.

They told him that to say one day that Germany wanted no Russian territory and to say the next day that it wanted virtually all territory occupied by German troops justified Entente statements in declining to place confidence in the word of Germany's leaders. The Foreign Secretary is said, however, to have made complete explanations.

FROM MR. TURNER

Sends His Greetings to His Many Bennington Friends.

54 Park Ave., New York.

Jan. 2d, 1918.

Editor of the Banner:

May 1, through your columns acknowledge the many kind messages and cards which I have received? I hope that this may be taken as an individual reply to each. I wish to express my deep appreciation and gratitude for the indications of interest and friendship which have come to me.

With the greetings of the season,

Fatherly Yours,

Thornton F. Turner

Per. E. McC. T.

TIRPITZ BRINGS \$2100

Tirpitz, the net pic of the German cruiser Dresden, rescued by crew of the British cruiser Glasgow, has been sold at London for \$2100 for the benefit of the Red Cross.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—Small family to occupy a part of my furnished house, rent free, under certain conditions. Tel. 818-M.

WANTED—Elderly lady with small boy twelve years of age wishes position as housekeeper in small family. Write me on such as object as a good home. References given. Address P. O. Box 342 or Tel. 818-W.

FOR SALE—My house corner 8th and Bedford Sts. Modern conveniences, two minutes walk from Main St. and theater line. Address C. W. Walker, Vergennes, Vt.

FOR SALE—One good sewing machine in good running order. Call at 711 Pheasant street.

SALES

Manhattan Briar Pipe Co., Makers.

## BOSTON SCHOOLS TO CLOSE

Unless Coal Is Received Not Later Than Saturday Night.

Boston, Jan. 4.—Unless a sufficient supply of coal is received not later than Saturday night 108 of the Boston schools will not open Monday morning.

Hopes of relief centers on the arrival of coal trains reported to be hurrying to the city. Suffering for the want of coal was acute today throughout New England.

Boston harbor is choked with ice and all shipping is tied up.

## COAL FOR NEW ENGLAND

Solid Coal Trains Ordered to Run Daily to Supply Fuel.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Fuel shortages in various parts of the country were given attention today by the Fuel Administration. Further measures were taken to speed the movement of coal to New England and 200 cars of timbers were ordered diverted from the West Virginia fields to relieve distress in Ohio, Michigan, and Kentucky.

Producers supplying New England were directed to make up solid train loads of 25 cars of coal daily for routing over the Boston & Maine railroad now somewhat free of congestion. The New Haven ran according to reports to the Fuel Administration, is clearing its tracks, and mines were advised to ship as much coal as possible over the lines. Shipments over the Boston & Maine will be alternated between the city of Boston and towns in the interior. Rough weather still is interfering with water shipments in New England through New York and Philadelphia.

A. H. Smith, deputy director-general of railroads, announced in New York that there are at Hampden Roads, 196,000 tons of coal which will be used to relieve the coal shortage in New England. This will be transported by water.

New York, Jan. 4.—With the temperature hovering around zero for the sixth successive day, New York was confronted tonight with a fuel shortage growing more mounting every hour as the waters surrounding the city became more ready with water except where the tide runs swift.

Now that my country has entered the war against the central powers we intend doing her utmost to help in the struggle against autocracy. At present there are about 125,000 Chinese with the allies in Mesopotamia and France. These are skilled brick layers, masons and carpenters. We trust that their services will result in increased military activity.

"We of China have been impressed by the heroism of the American patriotic soldiers. America has also followed a policy of business honesty. We have not yet wealth and an abundance of cheap and efficient labor and with the assistance of this great nation we should be able to do our share. We realize that we must do our bit and do it quickly."

After the chamber of commerce meeting Dr. Kim and the members of the visiting mission were entertained at a luncheon.

## WELLMAN IS SHERIFF

Appointed by Governor for Windham County.

Bethelton, Jan. 4.—A New York City Gov. Marcus P. Garfield today sent to Deputy Sheriff Frank L. Wellman of Guilford an appointment as sheriff of Windham county to succeed Sheriff Clifford E. Mandt of this town, who recently resigned because he could not make the salary meet his living expenses. At the same time Gov. Garfield accepted the resignation of Sheriff Mandt. The appointment is for the unexpired term which ends February 1 of next year.

Mr. Wellman circulated a petition for the appointment and secured the signatures of nearly all the members of the Windham county bar besides business men. He has been a deputy sheriff 18 years and is known as a fearless officer, making arrests sometimes under conditions requiring unusual courage. There was but one other avowed candidate, Deputy Sheriff Earl Davis of Newfane.

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